

POSSIBLE OBJECTIONS CONCERNING MISCELLANEOUS COMMANDMENTS

Revelation 1:1 Future things will come to pass.

Revelation 22:6-7 Prophecies by prophets will come to pass.

Latter-Day Scripture:

I Nephi 13:23 The scriptures are records of the Jews and covenants of the Lord.

D&C 20:8-11 The scriptures are true; God does inspire men.

D&C 68:34 The scriptures are true; do not take from them.

D&C 93:26-28 We are to live the commandments.

4. You can't know the gospel is true. (testimony)

Bible:

Matthew 7:7-8 "Ask and ye shall receive."

John 7:17 If any man shall do his will, he shall know of the truthfulness.

John 8:31-32 "Ye shall know the truth . . . "

John 14:26 The Holy Ghost shall teach men.

John 15:26 The Holy Ghost will testify of Christ.

John 16:13 The Holy Ghost will guide us into all truths.

Romans 8:16 The Spirit will bear witness to our spirits that we are children of God.

I Corinthians 2:9-11 The things of God are known by the Spirit.

James 1:5-6 Prayer is power.

Latter-Day Scripture:

Moroni 10:4-5 If we receive these things, the truth of these will be made known.

3 Nephi 18:20 Ask and ye shall know.

D&C 8:2-3 The Lord shall tell us in our heart.

D&C 9:6-9 Your bosom will burn within you.

D&C 50:14 The Comforter is sent forth to teach truth.

D&C 91:4 The Spirit manifests truth to man.

D&C 121:26-28 God shall give us knowledge.

Moses 7:62 Truth shall be sent forth to bear testimony to the world.

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5. Prayers are not answered.

Bible:

Genesis 20:7	He shall pray and thou shalt live.
Numbers 11:1-3	Moses prayed and the fire was quenched.
1 Samuel 1:9-28	Samuel was born as an answer to prayer.
Jeremiah 29:12-13	The Lord hearkens unto prayer.
Matthew 6:5-13	Don't pray as hypocrites do.
Matthew 7:7-8	We must ask and we shall receive.
Matthew 21:22	True believers have prayers answered.
Mark 11:24	If you believe you will receive, it will be given you.
John 7:17	We can learn the truth by doing God's will.
1 Thessalonians 5:17	Pray without ceasing.
Hebrews 11:6	God rewards those who seek Him.
James 1:5	If we lack wisdom, ask God and He will inform us.
James 5:17-18	Fervent prayer controlled the elements.

Latter-Day Scripture:

Mosiah 27:14, 22	Prayer made it possible for Alma to speak again.
Alma 22:16	We should cry unto God in all things that we will prosper.
Alma 32:26-43	Desire leads us to prayer, and prayer brings us knowledge.
Alma 34:18-27	We should pray over every thing we have.
3 Nephi 13:6	We will be rewarded if we pray in secret.
3 Nephi 18:18-20	If you believe you will receive, it will be given you.
3 Nephi 19:22	Prayer will cause many to believe in God.
Moroni 10:4-6	We must pray with real intent.
D&C 5:24	The humble have prayers answered.
D&C 9:8-9	It tells how prayers are answered.
D&C 25:12	Songs may answer the questions of the righteous.

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D&C 50:26-29	Those cleansed of sin can ask and receive.
D&C 68:33	We are commanded to pray.
D&C 101:7	God answers prayers.
D&C 103:36	Victory and glory are brought through prayer.
D&C 104:80	Humility and prayer will ease problems.

6. To have sincerity of belief is not enough.

Bible:

Matthew 15:8-9	"In vain they do worship me . . ."
Acts 26:9-12	Paul was sincere when fighting the church.
Matthew 27:25	The Jews were sincere in killing Christ.
Matthew 7:19-21	Not everyone that says Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven.
John 16:2-3	He that will kill you thinks he is doing God service.
Romans 10:1-4	They have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.
James 2:19	The devils also believe and tremble.

7. You should be healed by faith, not by doctors.

Bible:

Matthew 9:12	The whole need no physician, only the sick.
James 2:17-26	Faith without works is dead.

Latter-Day Scripture:

Mosiah 4:26	We should administer temporally to others' needs.
D&C 42:43-53	The sick who have faith are healed.
D&C 58:26-29	We should do many things without being commanded.
Moroni 7:26	Anything we ask for in faith which is good, will be given.

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8. You should be healed by doctors, not by faith.

Bible:

1 Kings 17:17	Elijah healed the son of a woman by faith.
Mark 5:34	Faith makes a daughter whole.
Mark 10:52	Jesus said, "Thy faith hath made thee whole."
Acts 3:1-8	The lame were healed by Peter.
Acts 5:12	The apostles healed many and did many signs.
James 5:14-15	The elders are to anoint the sick with oil.

Latter-Day Scripture:

3 Nephi 17:9-10	Christ healed the sick and afflicted.
4 Nephi 1:5	Christ's disciples healed the sick.
D&C 35:9	The elders are to heal the sick and do many miracles.
D&C 46:19-20	Some people are given faith to be healed and others faith to heal.
D&C 88:118; 42:43; 46:13-14	Some have no faith, they can only believe.

9. You can be healed by faith outside of your church.

Bible:

Ecclesiastes 3:1-4	There is a time to heal, a time to plant, etc.
Matthew 7:8	Everyone that asketh receiveth.
Mark 20:52	Faith healed a blind man.
Luke 4:40	Christ heals many.
Luke 7:1-10	The Centurion's servant was healed; all Israel lacked his faith.
Acts 14:8-11	Paul perceived that the cripple had faith to be healed.
James 5:14-15	The prayer of faith shall heal the sick.

Latter-Day Scripture:

Alma 15:10	Zeezrom is healed by faith.
3 Nephi 17:8-10	Anyone who comes unto Jesus can be healed.

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D&C 35:9	Who so shall ask in faith, shall cast out devils, heal the sick and the blind, etc.
D&C 42:48	Anyone not appointed unto death can be healed.

10. Mormons are not Christians.

Bible:

Matthew 7:16	By their fruits ye shall know them.
Galatians 3:27	Those who have been baptized have put on Christ.
Ephesians 2:20	Christ is the chief corner stone.

Latter-Day Scripture:

Alma 46:14-15	Those who take upon them the name of Christ are Christians.
Alma 48:10	If you believe in God, you are a Christian.
3 Nephi 27:5-8	Take upon you the name of Christ and be called by his name.
Ether 2:12	Those who possess this land shall be free if they but serve the God of the land, who is Jesus Christ.
Moroni 7:10-11	"By their fruits ye shall know them."
Moroni 10:4	We must have faith in Christ.
D&C 45:1	Christ calls us his church.
Article of Faith No.1	We believe in God the Eternal Father, in his Son Jesus Christ and in the Holy Ghost.

11. Your Church meetings are irreverent.

Bible:

II Corinthians 3:6	The letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.
Titus 1:15	To the pure in heart, all things are pure; to the unbelievers, nothing is.
I John 1:8	No man or people are perfect.

Latter-Day Scripture:

Moroni 6:5-9	Meetings are to be conducted in the manner of the spirit.
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D&C 109:20-21 No unclean thing is permitted to come into God's house. Those who shall show reverence, will receive blessings.

Other:

McKay, David O., Address given at General Priesthood Conference, September 30, 1950, quoted in "The Instructor," 86:3-5, January 1951

McKay, David O., "Preparation to enter the House of Worship - a Lesson in Attitudes," Church Section, Deseret News, April 30, 1950, p. 2.

12. There isn't enough ceremony in your Church.

Bible:

Matthew 6:1-6 Don't do alms to be seen of men.

Latter-Day Scripture:

Alma 31:12-29 The false worship of the Rameumptom is told.

Alma 33:2-8 Worship is not confined to sanctuaries.

D&C 112:10 We should be humble and God will lead us.

13. Mormons say their Church is true, but they don't live what they teach.

Bible:

Ecclesiastes 7:20 There is no just men that is without sin.

Matthew 26:69-74 Peter denied Christ three times.

Mark 14:38 The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.

Luke 22:47-49 Judas betrayed Christ.

Luke 22:54-57 Peter denied Christ.

Acts 20:28-30 Some members will be grievous wolves that will try to destroy the church (flock).

Romans 7:23-25 The flesh is subject to sin.

Galatians 5:17 The flesh lusteth against the spirit.

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Latter-Day Scripture:

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| 2 Nephi 28:21 | The devil cheats their souls and leads them carefully down to hell. |
| Alma 4:10 | The wickedness of the church was a great stumbling block to the non-members and the church did not prosper. |
| Alma 39:11 | Corianton's wickedness affected the faith of the Zoramites. |

14. Mormons are communistic in their law of consecration.

Bible:

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| Acts 2:44-47 | Each person received the things that he needed. |
| Acts 4:31-32 | No one claimed anything as his own. |

Latter-Day Scripture:

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| 4 Nephi 15-16 | The law of consecration, based on love of God, brings happiness. |
| D&C 42:30-35 | Joseph Smith received the revelation on the law of consecration. |
| D&C 82:17-18 | Each person is equal and can improve upon his talents as long as they are just. |
| D&C 104:13-15 | The law of consecration says that all things are God's. |

Other:

Benson, Extra Taft, Mormonism, Americanism and Politics, pp. 51-56.

Improvement Era, October 1932, pp. 724-726.

(See Appendix No. 1)

15. We should have evidence of temples in ancient times.

Bible:

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| I Samuel 3:3 | Samuel lived in the temple of the Lord. |
| I Kings 6 | Solomon's temple is described. |
| Ezra 4:3 | The people built the temple of Zerubbabel. |
| Nehemiah 6:10 | They met in the temple of God. |

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Isaiah 6:1	The temple belonged to the Lord.
Amos 8:3	The songs of the temples are described.
Malachi 3:1	A temple is to be built to which the church can come.
Matthew 4:5	The devil sat Christ on the pinnacle of the temple.
Mark 11:15	Jesus cleansed the temple.
Luke 2:46	Christ talked to the doctors in the temple of Jerusalem.
Luke 22:53	Christ was in the temple daily.
John 2:20	The Jews talked about the temple of Jerusalem.
Revelation 7:11	Do service of God in the temple.
Revelation 11:19	The temple of God was opened in heaven.

Latter-Day Scripture:

2 Nephi 5:16	The Nephites built a temple like Solomon's
Jacob 1:17	Jacob taught in the temple.
Jacob 2:11	Jacob cleansed himself and preached in the temple.
Mosiah 1:18	Mosiah taught in the temple.
3 Nephi 11:1	The people around the temple in Zarahemla were astonished.

16. Plural marriage is immoral. (I Timothy 3:2)

Bible:

Genesis 25:6	Abraham, highly favored of God, had several wives and concubines.
Genesis 30	Although Jacob had four wives, God found no fault.
II Samuel 12:7-11	God gave David his several wives, but because of his sin, God took them away and gave them to another.
I Kings 11:3-4	Solomon had seven hundred wives, but the only fault God found was that Solomon let some of his wives turn to idolatry.

POSSIBLE OBJECTIONS CONCERNING MISC. COMMANDS.

Isaiah 4:1

In the last days seven women will cling to one man.

1 Timothy
5:16-17

Worthy elders may take care of widows only if they can be counted worthy of "double honor."

Latter-Day Scripture:

Jacob 2:11-30

The Nephites were commanded to have one wife unless God commanded otherwise.

D&C 49:15-17

Marriage is ordained of God.

D&C 132

This tells of the great prophets, favored by God, who had several wives.

17. Christ didn't have any literal brothers and sisters.

Bible:

Matthew
12:46-50

His mother and brethren desired to speak with Him.

Matthew
13:55-56

His mother was called Mary, and his brethren were called James, Joses, Simon, Judas and his sisters.

Mark 3:31-35

His brethren and mother came calling on Him.

Mark 6:3-4

The Savior refers to his brothers as kin.

Luke 8:19-21

Christ's mother and brethren hear the word of God.

Acts 1:13-14

The apostles met in prayer and supplication with the women, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, and his brethren.

Galatians 1:19

James is the Lord's brother.

18. I can't accept your doctrine of blood atonement.

Bible:

Genesis
9:12-13

The murderer's blood is to be shed.

Hebrews 9:22

Christ shed his blood for the remission of sins.

Hebrews
10:26-29

The blood of the wicked is required under the covenant.

Luke 22:19-20

Christ's blood was shed for us.

1 John 3:15-16;
5:16

Murder is a sin unto death.

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I Nephi 12:10	Christ's blood is to purify the righteous.
2 Nephi 9:7, 35	The murderer is to die.
Mosiah 3:11,15	The atonement is also for those who did not know the will of God.
Alma 1:13-14	Nehor was condemned to die because he killed Gideon.
Alma 21:9; 34:11-12	The atonement is the great plan of God.
D&C 42:18-19 & 79	He that killeth shall die.
Moses 6:59-61	The blood of Christ sanctifies us from our sins.

Other:

Smith, Joseph Fielding Jr., "Blood Atonement and the Origin of Plural Marriage."

Taylor, John and Cannon, George Q., Pamphlet, Church Historian's Office, 6 Oct., 1886.

Woodruff, Wilford, "Deseret Weekly," 38:809; 21 Dec., 1889.

19. If you were the true Church, you wouldn't have allowed the Mountain Meadow Massacre.

Bible:

Genesis 34:25-31	The sons of Jacob killed the Schechemites and were chastised.
Joshua 24:15	Man is a free agent to choose whom he will serve.
I John 3:7-8	He that commiteth sin is of the devil.
I John 3:12	Cain slew Abel because his works were evil.

Latter-Day Scripture:

Pearl of Great Price, p. 60 (Article of Faith No. 2)	Man will be punished for his own sins.
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3. A person may hold as much as he can properly develop.
4. Surplus, not needed by the family or the improvement of the property, is turned into the Bishop's storehouse.
5. The youth receive their inheritances from the storehouse or deeds from the Bishop.
6. Surplus is also used to develop the community & for the worthy poor.
7. All things are done by "Common Consent" of the people.
8. The Order exists for the benefit of the individual.
9. The right of free agency is strictly respected.
10. Belief in God & Religion basic to membership; a covenant with God is required for membership.
11. God inspired plan. It leads to riches and joy.
12. The individual is completely free to run the property as he desires. Competition is encouraged. New ideas & methods wanted & sought after.

1. The property is taken from the people.
2. The property belongs to the State.
3. The state doles it out & forces its use. Quotas are given by State.
4. All produce belongs to ruling minority.
5. Property is distributed according to favoritism & by the state.
6. Surplus is used for the benefit of state.
7. Controlled by 3% of the communists.
8. Members exist for benefit of the state.
9. There is no free agency; Dictatorship.
10. Direct opposition to any belief in God or Religion.
11. Devil inspired plan man uses. A good deception, but poor imitation.
12. Competition is forbidden. Quotas must be met regardless. Ideas are allowed but cannot be tried if rejected.

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE LAW OF CONSECRATION ARE:

1. To emphasize true Christian principles in everyday life. Example = overcoming selfishness.
2. To achieve equality & unity (oneness) among members.
3. To foster industry; there are to be no idlers.
4. To administer to the needy by sharing with them.
5. To strengthen the family and exalt them as one.

OBJECTIVES OF COMMUNISM ARE:

1. To abolish all eternal truths. The state to control the person.
2. To make all equal, whatever that means.
3. All must work where & when state says.
4. State determines needs & doles out.
5. Abolition of the family, no marriage, free love & open sex for all.

THE PRINCIPLES OF THE LAW OF CONSECRATION:

1. The whole earth is the Lord's; that is, it is his property. We are only stewards.
2. Upon joining the Order or Law of Consecration, men shall deed to the Lord (Bishop), all his properties, etc.
3. The Bishop in turn will deed back to each head of a family in the order such property and goods sufficient to fill their needs, depending upon: (1) Size of family (number & age); (2) Needs and wants; (3) Their circumstances. This means that every family will receive not only its necessities to sustain life & make it comfortable, but also added materials fitting their talents & ability to administer them for the betterment of the whole community; thus personal initiative could be stimulated to serve society.
4. At appointed times surplus production & increase, beyond that needed by the family is to be given to the Bishops' storehouse for communal purposes.
5. A person is privileged to leave and keep his inheritance, but he cannot take that which was deeded to the Church. Disagreement is made & understood when he joins the Order.
6. There is no compulsion & business relations continue on a competitive capitalistic system.

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BAPTISMAL COVENANT OR CONTRACT

APPENDIX 2

WHAT I AGREED TO DO FOR MY PART OF THE CONTRACT	SCRIPTURES	WHAT GOD HAS AGREED TO GIVE ME IN RETURN -- HIS PART	SCRIPTURES
1. To have repented of my sins	D&C 20:37	1. Forgive me and forget the sin	D&C 64:7-12
2. To take upon me the name of Christ	D&C 20:37	2. Give me the right to call myself L. D. S. or a true Christian	D&C 18:17-24
3. To enter into his Church or Kingdom	Mos. 18:8-14	3. To have my name written in the Book of Life	Rev. 20:15, 11:27 D&C 132:19
4. To enter into the gate of the kingdom of heaven	John 3:3-5	4. Gives opportunities to progress and become a God	D&C 132:9-20 11:1-4
5. To become a son & daughter of Christ	D&C 39:1-41; 50:50-70	5. To become my God & my Father	D&C 39:1-41 11:1
6. To receive a "newness of life" or to be "born again"	Mos. 27:25-27	6. To enlighten my soul, mind & heart	D&C 11:13-14; 94:64-75
7. To receive the Holy Ghost	Acts 2:37-38	7. Give to me the gift of the Holy Ghost	D&C 34:64-75
8. To partake of the sacrament & renew this covenant often	D&C 59:8-13	8. To keep the covenant valid	D&C 42:61, 63, 65
9. To always remember Christ	D&C 20:37	9. That I have his spirit always with me	D&C 20:23-29
10. To be a witness for Christ in all places & at all times, even unto death	Mos. 18:9	10. To be my Advocate & Witness before the Father	D&C 28:1, 5; 11:3-4
11. To care for others, share their burdens, problems & debts	Mos. 18:8-14	11. To give me all power, all glory & all knowledge	D&C 76:51-70
12. To remain & comfort others	Mos. 18:8-14	12. Peace in this life & eternal peace & life in the world to come	D&C 48:21, 107
13. To keep all God's commandments	D&C 20:37	13. Give me exaltation & eternal life	D&C 149

Note: The renewal of the Baptismal Covenant is by worthily partaking of the Sacrament. (John 6:57-58) (1 Cor. 10:16-17)
Matthew 23:17-23, 23:23-24, 23:25-26, 23:27-28, 23:29-30

APPENDIX 3

Many times terms such as The Spirit of God, Lord, Spirit of Christ, The Holy Spirit, The Holy Ghost and many others are unclear and confusing. It is difficult to know to whom or about what the scripture is referring or talking about. The following chart is simply a guideline and is not intended to be all inclusive.

SCRIPTURAL TITLES	GOD THE FATHER OR CHRIST WITH THEIR PHYSICAL BODIES	CHRIST'S SPIRIT BODY (BEFORE BIRTH)	THE POWER OR INFLUENCE OF GOD THE FATHER OR CHRIST	THE HOLY GHOST (HIMSELF)	THE POWER OR INFLUENCE OF THE HOLY GHOST
1. HOLY GHOST	None	None	None	Acts 7:55-56 D&C 130:22-23 1 Ne. 11:11-12 John 14:26 Matt. 3:16-17	D&C 131:7-8 2 Ne. 32:2-8 2 Ne. 33:1-2
2. HOLY SPIRIT	None	Ether 3:6-17	See the Light of Christ	1 Ne. 11:11-12 1 John 5:5-7	D&C 45:11-16; 45:57; 76:116 1 Cor. 2:9-16
3. SPIRIT OF THE LORD OR SPIRIT OF GOD OR SPIRIT OF TRUTH OR SPIRIT OF LIGHT	None	1 Ne. 11:11-12	D&C 121:34-38; 95:4; 63:32 Joel 2:28-32	D&C 67:11 Matt. 3:16-17 John 14:26; 16:7-16 Acts 2:1-4	2 Ne. 26:11 D&C 121:43; 63:32; 46:11 Acts 2:1-4 John 16:7-16
4. SPIRIT OF CHRIST	None	Ether 3:6-17	D&C 88:5-13	Alma 11:44	Hai. 5:45 1 Peter 1:11
5. LORD OR GOD (With Christ as God of the Old Testament)	None	Ether 3:6-17 Moses 5:all Ex. 24:9-11; 33:11, 18-23 Gen. 18:1-2; 32:30 Is. 43:10-15; 44:6; 45:5, 11; 48:12-16	None	None	None
6. LIGHT OF CHRIST (For members, this may be their conscience)	None	None	Moroni 7:12-19 D&C 84:44-46; 88:5-13 Smith, Joseph F., Jr., <u>Doc. of Salvation</u> , 1:38-54	None	None
7. THE COMFORT-ER	D&C 88:3-4; 130:3 John 14:15-25; 16:23 Smith, Joseph F. Jr., <u>Doc. of Sal.</u> , 1:55	None	None	D&C 21:9; 24:5; 28:1; 31:11; 36:2; 42:17; 75:10, 27; 90:11 Moroni 8:26 John 14:26-27	Same as for Holy Ghost
8. HOLY SPIRIT OF PROMISE	NONE	None	None	None	D&C 20:60; 76:53 38:3; 124:124; 132:7, 26
9. BORN OF THE SPIRIT (This is the sanctification of a member by the Holy Ghost)	None	None	None	3 Ne. 12:1-6 Mosiah 27:24-26 D&C 5:16; 19:31; 20:41, 43, 60 John 3:3-5 Moses 6:58-66	D&C 20:41, 43, 60
10. THE GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST	None	None	None	D&C 130:23 Smith, Jos. F., <u>TPJS</u> , pp. 198-199 Smith, Jos. F., <u>Gospel Doctrine</u> , pp. 60-61	Mosiah 27:24-26 D&C 33:15; 39:23 49:14, 53, 60 111:12 Acts 2:38-39; 19:6
11. GIFTS OF THE HOLY GHOST	None	None	See Light of Christ	See same references as directly above	2 Ne. 32:8 Mosiah 27:24-26 D&C 45:11-16 1 Cor. 2:9-16

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APPENDIX 4

DIVISIONS OF THE RESURRECTION

I. First, Righteous, Just or Christ's

John 5:28-29; Rev. 20:12-15, 4-8
D&C 43:18; Alma 40:16-21

Luke 24:36-42

A. Special--Celestial

1. Jesus Christ--first among men

Acts 26:22-23; I Cor. 15:19-23; D&C 45:49-53
Mosiah 15:18-21; 3 Nephi 11:1-17

2. Members of the Church of Jesus Christ from the resurrection of Christ. (This includes members from Adam's time until the present.)

Helaman 14:25 fulfilled in 3 Nephi 23:10;
Matt. 27:52-53; D&C 133:54-55; Mosiah 15:21-24; Moses 7:56-57; Elders' Journal, Vol. I, pp. 28-29

B. General--Celestial

1. Morning--also Celestial (righteous saints)

Acts 24:14-15; I Cor. 15:39-44; Mosiah 18:9;
Alma 40:16-21; D&C 29:13; D&C 43:18;
D&C 76:50-70; D&C 88:96-98

a. Those righteous to be caught up at Christ's second coming

I Thess. 4:13-18; D&C 88:97-98

b. Little children and mentally retarded (Color & Race doesn't affect this)

D&C 29:46-50; Mosiah 15:24-25

c. Negro (some)--these would also be saints

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2. Afternoon--Terrestrial (good men of earth)

I Cor. 15:39-44; D&C 45:54; 76:71-80; 88:99-101

a. Those resurrected after Christ's arrival upon the earth (second coming)

D&C 88:99

b. Heathen nations (those who not law of Christ)

D&C 45:54; 76:72

c. Negro (more)

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II. Second, Unrighteous, Unjust or Damnation

John 5:28-29; Acts 24:14-15; Rev. 20:5-8, 12-15; D&C 43:18

A. Morning--Telestial (wicked) Liars, Adulterers, whoremongers, and Negroes (rest)

D&C 76:81-112; 88:100-101; Alma 11:41

B. Afternoon--Sons of Perdition

D&C 76:31-49; D&C 88:24, 102

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MELCHIZEDEK PRIESTHOOD COVENANT

MY PART	REFERENCE	GOD'S PART	REFERENCE
1. I take upon me the name of Jesus Christ	D&C 18:23-25	1. Allows me to use his name with authority	D&C 18:23-24
2. I accept and will use the Holy Ghost in building the kingdom of God	Smith, Jos. Jr., DHC, 5:27 D&C 20:60	2. Provides the Comforter as well as prophets for my guides	D&C 6:32
3. I accept the agreement of righteousness	2 Ne. 26:11; Ether 2:15; D&C 42:11-15	3. Gives me the gospel path to righteousness.	D&C 29:42; 84:19; 133:57
4. I agree not to use force, pride or vain ambitions in exercising the Priesthood	D&C 121:34-38	4. Gives me his love, kindness & peace of mind	I Cor. 13 I John 4:8-21
5. I agree to use love, kindness, persuasion & long-suffering	D&C 121:41-43	5. Gives me success & accomplishments	D&C 6:33; 18:10-15
6. I agree to accept the gospel plan as my way of life	D&C 134:5	6. Sends eternal joy & happiness	D&C 93:33, 19; 6:31
7. I will magnify my priesthood callings	D&C 84:33	7. Makes me a son of Moses, Abraham & the elect of God	D&C 84:33-38
8. I will learn my duties & act in the office of my calling	D&C 107:99-100	8. Promises I may stand with God in last days & be found worthy	D&C 76:61-65
9. I will honor, respect & obey God's servants	D&C 84:35-36	9. I become the Son of Christ & his Father. I have God's respect	D&C 76:51-60
10. I will give all glory & honor to God	D&C 84:37-39	10. Gives me all things, no honor or power withheld	D&C 76:59; 84:38
11. I will keep the marriage covenant for all eternity	D&C 131:1-4; 132:1-28; 84:19-22	11. Gives me Godhood & eternal lives	D&C 131:4; 132:19-24
12. I acknowledge the penalties if I ever reject this covenant	D&C 84:41	12. No forgiveness in this life or hereafter	D&C 84:40-42

I have made this covenant freely & do so in the name of Jesus Christ

PRIESTHOOD AUTHORITY

1. Differences Between:

	CALLINGS	CONFERRING	ORDAINING	SETTING APART	CONFIRMING (SUSTAINING)
Notes	All callings come by & through the power of the Priesthood	Conferring is used only in the Priesthood & not in the Auxiliaries	All conferring, or-daining, setting a-part, & in some cases, confirming is done by the laying on of hands	This may occur in both auxiliaries & Priesthood	Confirming (sustaining) is always necessary before, or in a few cases, after action occurs
Definition	Receiving an appointment to an office in an auxiliary or within the Priesthood. No authority has yet been bestowed	The bestowing of the Priesthood authority upon the man. A man receives all the rights of that Priesthood. This is always done by the laying on of hands	A man has the Priesthood conferred upon him, but is ordained to a particular office, such as deacon or High Priest. With an office, a man receives all the rights, powers & privileges of the office, but no keys	A person is set apart to a particular presidency within an auxiliary or Priesthood Quorum. With the setting apart upon a Presidency is associated the bestowing of <u>keys</u>	The approving of an act or a person for immediate action or responsibility
Types	<p>a. Auxiliary</p> <p>1. In some cases this is the bestowing of authority with no setting apart occurring; i.e., A MIA teacher</p> <p>2. All calls should be confirmed by the members.</p> <p>b. Priesthood--all callings are made by the proper authority after careful interviews & seeking God's choice</p>	<p>a. Auxiliary - none</p> <p>b. Priesthood conferred--once as an Aaronic Priesthood bearer & last as a Melchizedek bearer</p>	<p>a. Auxiliary - none</p> <p>b. Priesthood ordination</p> <p>1. To each office within the Aaronic & Melchizedek</p> <p>2. Offices:</p> <p>(a) Aaronic: deacon, teacher, priest, bishop</p> <p>(b) Melchizedek: Elder, seventy, High Priest, bishop, patriarch, stake president, apostles, prophets & President</p>	<p>a. Auxiliary - Generally the presidencies have hands laid upon them & are set apart. However, all board members & teachers may be set apart. On a Stake & Church level all are generally set apart</p> <p>b. Priesthood--Occurs after interviews & is done by the laying on of hands, for every presidency, apostleship, etc.</p>	<p>a. Before call - This is often referred to as an interview.</p> <p>b. Following baptism--This type is by laying on of hands & serves as an entrance into the Kingdom & for confirming the Holy Ghost</p> <p>c. Before conferring, ordaining or setting apart. This is often called sustaining.</p> <p>d. After conferring, ordaining or setting apart. This is called a state of membership or full fellowship into a Quorum</p>

e. Activating keys, i.e., when the President of the Church is chosen, the keys he received when he was made an apostle are activated by laying on of hands.

II. Chain of Command Within the Priesthood

- A. Prophet, Seer, Revelator, President of the Church & High Priesthood (only one Revelator for the Church) 124:94, 121:16-20; 112:15; 92-99; 68:4; 107:65-66, 43:1-9; 41:2-3; 28:2-7, 11-14; 21:1, 4-5; 11:14-16; 1:4-6; D&C 1:4-6; 11:14-16; 21:1, 4-5; Amos 3:7; Ex. 4:15-16
See D&C 1:4-6; 11:14-16; 21:1, 4-5; Amos 3:7; Ex. 4:15-16
- B. First Presidency (two or more Counselors). When the President dies, there is no 1st Presidency. (Smith, Joseph Fielding, Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, pp. 105-106, D&C 107:22-30)
- C. Quorum of Twelve Apostles (only twelve in the Quorum, although there may be more than twelve apostles), D&C 107:22-30
- D. First Council of Seventies, D&C 107:22-30
- E. Presiding Bishopric
- F. Stake Presidency
- G. Bishopric
- H. The head of the home (Father in most homes)
- I. Family Priesthood Bearers

III. Steps to choosing a new President of the Church

- A. President dies and First Presidency is dissolved. Smith, Joseph Jr., DHC, 2:373-374.
- B. Quorum of the Twelve preside and functions fully. DHC, 4:403; Woodruff, Wilford, Discourses of W. W., pp. 71-74.
 1. If members of the First Presidency were ordained apostles and made members of the Twelve prior to their membership within the First Presidency, they return to their positions within the Quorum of Twelve Apostles.
 2. The President of the Twelve presides as the presiding High Priest of the Church.
 3. By the members of the First Presidency returning to their positions (by ordination date) in the Quorum of Twelve Apostles more than twelve members may result, in which case the last members ordained step out so that only twelve function. Smith, Joseph F. Jr. Life of J. F. Smith, pp. 310-311; Taylor, John. Gos. Kingdom, pp. 142-143.
- C. The Senior apostle is chosen as the new President and sustained by the Twelve. Widtsoe, John A., Prt. & Ch. Gov. pp. 142-143.
 1. The Lord made this selection when He chose the man for an apostle and simply provided that the other members of the Twelve Apostles die before he does. Smith, Joseph F., Gospel Doctrine, pp. 171-177; Doc. of Sal., 3:154-157.
 2. The Twelve then lay their hands upon the new President's head and confirm (activate) the keys upon him.
- D. A new First Presidency is organized. Smith, Joseph F. Jr., Doc. of Sal., 3:157; Smith, Joseph F., Gos. Doc., pp. 169-170.
- E. The Quorum of the Twelve Apostles is reorganized, with the Apostles who stepped out moved back into their places in the Twelve. Young, Brigham, Discourses of B. Y., pp. 137-142; D & C 107:22-24, 64-67, 79.
- F. If it is needed, new Apostles are chosen to replace those taken into the First Presidency or to fill the vacancy left by the Presiding Apostle.
- G. The new Presidency, the new President of the Twelve and both Quorums are then presented to the membership of the Church for their sustaining vote. McCorkle, Bruce R., "Common Consent", pp. 1-19; See Ref. on 11 A above.

PLAN OF SALVATION

1. INTELLIGENCES (uncreated, co-eternal with God) John 1:1-14 (Insp. Ver.); Abraham 3:18-23; D&C 93:29-30; DHC, 6:308-311

2. SPIRIT BIRTH AND LIFE. Heb. 12:9; Col. 1:15-16; Gen. 2:4-5; Moses 3:4-5; D&C 77:2; 131:7-8; DHC, 4:575

3. SPIRITUAL CREATION OF THIS EARTH (no accurate account). Smith, Joseph Fielding Jr., Doctrines of Salvation, 1:72-89

4. COUNCIL OF THE GODS (These are noble & great spirit children of Elohim). Abr. 3:22-28; Ch. 4-5
Smith, Joseph Jr., DHC, 6:307-308, 478.

5. GENERAL COUNCIL OF SPIRITS (Those spirits chosen to come to this earth). Moses 1:1-2; 4:1-4; Abr. 3:22-28
Lk. 10:17-18; Mk. 3:11-12; Is. 14:7-12.

6. REBELLION & WAR (1/3 of the spirits cast out) Jude 1:6; Rev. 12:4-5, 7-10; 2Pet. 2:4; 2 Ne. 2:17-18; 9:8-9
D & C 29:36-38.

7. ORGANIZATIONAL COUNCIL & EARTH ASSIGNMENTS Jer. 1:4-5; Deut. 32:7-9; Acts 17:26-30; Eph. 1:3-4; Alma 13:2-9;
Alma 12:25-30; 3 Ne. 1:13-14; TPJS, 181; DHC, 1:283; 6:364; Way to Perfection, pp. 33-54.

10A. TEMPORAL BIRTH

18. Spiritual
Creation of this
Earth. (No. of
Yrs. ??)

Adam & Eve were
placed on earth.

10. Temporal Earth (Telestial State)
6000 yrs. duration D & C 77:6-15
Doc. of Sal., 1:80-82.

15. Millennium.
(1000 Yrs.)

Is. 11:4-9
Amos 9:13-15
Rev. 20:2-6
D & C 101:22-31
133:18-25
Moses 7:60-66
I Ne. 22:15, 26

16. Satan
Loosed
for a short
Period of
Time.
D & C 88:
111-116;
Rev. 20:
7-15

17. Final
Judge-
ment
Rev.
20:12-
13

11. TEMPORAL DEATH

11A. Partial Judgement Alma 40

12. Spirit Paradise (A State of Rest & Peace)
Alma 40:11-14; 4 Ne. 1:14; Jn. 20:15-17
Luke 23:42-43; I Cor. 15:19
Cel. Res.

13. Gulf Between Paradise & Prison
Luke 16:19-31

14. Spirit Prison (A State of Misery, Hell)
I Pet. 3:18-21; 4:6; Is. 24:21-22; 42:6-7;
61:1-3; D & C 76:73; I Ne. 15:30-36
Terr. Res.
Tel. & S. of P. Res.

Satan & 1/3 of the Spirits were cast out of Heaven.

18. ASSIGNED TO A KINGDOM.

CELESTIAL EARTH

I Cor. 15:40-42; 2 Cor. 12:2
John 14:1-3; Rev. 21:1-4;
D & C 76:50-70; 88:17-20;
88:25-26; 130:8-11; 131:1-5.

SECOND CELESTIAL EARTH

THIRD CELESTIAL EARTH

TERRESTRIAL EARTH

I Cor. 15:40-42; John 14:1-3
James 2:17; D & C 88:23
D & C 76:71-79

TELESTIAL EARTH

I Cor. 15:40-43; John 14:1-3
Rev. 22:12; D & C 88:24
D & C 76:81-112

SONS OF PERDITION

Rev. 20:15; D&C 88:24; 76:25-45

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